Indigenous Studies

The major in Indigenous Studies is an interdisciplinary degree, designed to draw together a range of course offerings on Indigenous history, culture, experience, language, and ways of knowing from many departments within Arts and Science. It will give both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students the opportunity to immerse themselves in Indigenous history and culture, to ensure that future leaders and policymakers have a solid foundation in the histories of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples. Students expand their knowledge and understanding of Indigenous cultures, while developing professional skills such as innovative Indigenous approaches to learning and research to work with Aboriginal communities.

“Through the interactions and the knowledge I have gained both in and outside of classes, I have grown as an individual in the best ways possible. In order to change the world, we must first change ourselves.”

-Lauren Ball, BAH ’19

TOP 5 REASONS to study INDIGENOUS STUDIES

1. Interdisciplinary courses from the humanities, social sciences and beyond will broaden your worldviews and strengthen your critical thinking skills.

2. Students learn minimum of two, up to three Indigenous languages at the beginning level.

3. Students will develop skills to work with Indigenous knowledge systems and Indigenous methodologies, framed through Indigenous pedagogies and learning practices.

4. Classes combine traditional classroom education with experiential learning such as engagement with local Indigenous communities.

5. Students become qualified educators on the lived histories and current realities of Indigenous peoples in Canada and beyond, and therefore contributing to the reconciliation process.

2021-22 major thresholds

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit quartsci.com/planselection

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Indigenous Studies MAJOR MAP *

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

1ST YEAR
Start with Indigenous Language courses; choose from Anishinaabemowin, Inuktitut, or Mohawk.
Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

2ND YEAR
Complete the core courses DEVS 220 and DEVS 221; take option courses at 200-level and complete the language requirement. Attend Degree – in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.
Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

3RD YEAR
Complete INDG 302; finish option courses at 200-level and start option courses at 300-level.
Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year - for some ideas, see the back page.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR
Take either DEVS 380 or GPHY 309. Complete INDG 401. Finish option courses at 300-level.
You will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

1ST YEAR
Join teams or clubs on campus such as Queen's Native Student Association, or Queen's Health Outreach. See the AMS Clubs Directory for more ideas.

2ND YEAR
Consider applying to positions in student services or the AMS.
Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study. Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen's Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICSI).

3RD YEAR
If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF).
Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR
Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest.
Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships - check out the Careers Services workshop for help.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

1ST YEAR
Choose to live in the Bimaadiziwin Kwa:kxhkwxn̓hsw̱ Indigenous and Allies Living and Learning Community (LLC) in the Chown Hall residence.
Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations like Kahuwentha Indigenous Knowledge Initiative.

2ND YEAR
Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC).
Go to cultural events such as LLCU Film Nights, Language Clubs, guest lectures and Four Directions programming.

3RD YEAR
Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen's Connects.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR
Consider joining professional associations like the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association or the Indigenous Literary Studies Association.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

1ST YEAR
Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUC's and FDSIC's Intercultural Awareness Training Certificate.
Speak to Indigenous Advisor at FDISC to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

2ND YEAR
Want to research other Indigenous Peoples' lives? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad.
Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office.

3RD YEAR
Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your Indigenous language skills. Join World Language Clubs, guest lectures and Four Directions programming.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR
Start thinking about work or further studies abroad.
International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

1ST YEAR
Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help with career options from Career Services.
Build your transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.

2ND YEAR
Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Careers for Culture Lovers. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

3RD YEAR
Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest.
If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about Grad School from Career Services.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR
Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, Grad School applications or other decisions.

What will I learn?
A degree in Indigenous Studies can equip you with:
• Knowledge of history of the colonization of Indigenous peoples
• Capability to distinguish among Indigenous and non-Indigenous epistemologies, methodologies and pedagogies
• Initiative, perseverance, problem solving and time management skills through pursuing your own research question or work with peers on an app/website
• Skills to conduct independent research by gathering information, asking critical questions
• Ability to explore complex and difficult ideas through Indigenous modes of respectful debate, discussion, and consensus-based decision-making
• Communicating with humility the diverse historical and cultural characteristic of Indigenous peoples
• Skills to build and grow ethical relationships with Indigenous peoples and communities by engaging with Indigenous peoples, cultures, histories

Where can I go?
A degree in Indigenous Studies can take your career in many directions. You may choose to continue your academic inquiry with a Master's degree. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:
• Indigenous community liaison
• Cross-cultural consultancy
• Social Services
• Policy Analysis
• Indigenous language and culture education
• Education
• Anthropology

Taking time to explore career options, build experience and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work post-graduation.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majorsmaps for the online version with links!

* This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone's abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Major Map using our online My Major Map tool.
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MAJOR MAP

Why study in Kingston?
For 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen’s has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen’s has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen’s – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

How to use this map
Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need
Queen’s provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen’s, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

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in May, September, or January

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WORK TERMS
are 12-16 months long

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
• Graduate with “Professional Internship” on your degree.
• Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
• Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

ELIGIBILITY
• 2nd or 3rd Year Students
• Minimum GPA of 1.9

WHY QUiP?
• Gain a year of career-related work experience.
• Build network connections.
• Receive support from Queen’s staff in job search and during internship.

SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS

Planning Logistics Intern
Communications & Market Research Intern
Resource Conservation Technician
Course & Program Development Intern
Technical Writer
Economic Analyst

For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

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